

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12 May 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-13,15-20,22-32,34-39 and 41-44.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 May 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Search history.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to applicant's amendment received on 5/12/05. Claims 1, 13, 20, 32, and 39 have been amended. Claims 2, 14, 21, 33, and 40 have been canceled. Claims 1 - 44 are pending on this application. Claims 1, 13, 20, 32, and 39 are independent claims.

Drawings

2. New drawings were received on May 2, 2005 and have been approved by the Examiner. These drawings are substituted the original set of drawings filed on February 19, 2004.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3 line 1 changes "2" To --1--

Claim 5 line 1 changes "2" To --1--

Claim 7 line 1 changes "2" To --1--

Claim 15 line 1 changes "14" To --13--

Claim 22 line 1 changes "21" To --20--

Claim 24 line 1 changes "21" To - -20- -

Claim 26 line 1 changes "21" To - -20- -

Claim 34 line 1 changes "33" To - -32- -

Claim 41 line 1 changes "40" To - -39- -

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-13, 15-20, 22-32, 34-39, 41-44 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1, in addition to other elements in the respective claim, the prior art fails to teach or suggest "activating being a consequence of a first signal's indication of a first clock cycle of a plurality of consecutive clock cycles, a memory read phase being performed by the memory controller over the plurality of clock cycles, the first read of information occurring within the plurality of clock cycles".

With respect to claims 13, 32, and 39, in addition to other elements in the respective claim, the prior art does not teach or suggest "the memory controller logic circuitry comprising a latch, the latch to latch a first value, the first value to place the termination loads in the activated state, the latch to also provide a second value, the second value to place the termination loads in the deactivated state".

With respect to claim 20, in addition to other elements in the respective claim, the prior art does not teach or suggest "activating being a consequence of a first signal's indication of a first clock cycle of a plurality of consecutive clock cycles, a DDR

memory read phase being performed by the memory controller over the plurality of clock cycles, the first read of information occurring within the plurality of clock cycles”.

5. The prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations. Bonella et al. and Merritt taken individually or in combination, do not teach the claimed invention of activating consequence of a first signal's indication of a first clock cycle of a plurality of consecutive clock cycles; and the latch of the first value to place the termination loads in activated state, and the second value in the deactivated state, in combination with other limitations.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Dang Nguyen, who can be reached by telephone at (571) 272-1955. Normal contact times are M-F, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Upon an unsuccessful attempt to contact the examiner, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Elms, may be reached at (571) 272-1869.


Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist, whose telephone number is (703)

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